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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/595,172	Applicant(s) OMORI ET AL.	
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c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: of record.

Identification of prior art discussed: of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: discussed language to overcome 112 rejection-replace claim language directed to "groove" with "gear extending from side of drum" and to replace "cylindrical" with "tubular". This would overcome the rejections under 112. Also discussed possible language to overcome the art rejections. These may be new issues-the examiner will consider when formally filed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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